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- 1.Q. Describe the condition of the Skoka/Kuklenny plant.

- A. It was in very poor condition. The factory and installations seemed to be obsolete and needed rebuilding and general repair.

- 2.Q. What damage, if any, was done to installations during World War II? What reconstruction work has been undertaken? Completed?

- 25X1 A. [redacted] no damage. If there was any, reconstruction had already taken place.

- 3.Q. Describe foundry and rolling mill equipment, if any?

- A. There is no rolling mill, only a foundry.

- 4.Q. What foundry and rolled products are made? Are aircraft frame or engine parts produced? Give details.

- A. Boiler parts were made in the foundry, primarily chain elements to the revolving grates of the boilers. Pistons and smaller frames of internal combustion engines were also made. [redacted] they included those for aircraft.

- 5.Q. It has been reported that tugboats are produced here. Are the boilers only fabricated here? Do these orders utilize the total boiler capacity of the factory? Where is final assembly completed? What other marine equipment is produced?

- A. There was no production of tugboats; only boilers for them were fabricated. The plant did not run at that time at full capacity. The factory produced primarily boilers, usually with a steam pressure of 650 psi (40 atmospheres). In 1951, manufacture of boilers with a steam pressure of about 1600 psi (100 atmospheres) commenced. Steering equipment for vessels was also made, probably for Soviet export.

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6.Q. What other equipment was produced?

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A. The plant produced complete breweries. [] a crude oil distillation plant being produced.

7.Q. Are military vehicles now being produced here? Tiger tanks? Give details on outside components, final assembly and shipping.

A. In my opinion there were no military vehicles produced here. However, the plant has a restricted area, where vehicles may have been produced.

8.Q. Were machine tools ever produced here? What type? Now?

A. To my knowledge machine tools were never produced here.

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